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MONTREAL FOR USREP ICAO; CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PINS PK IN
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF HIJACKERS

REF: ISLAMABAD 0331

1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT THE INDIAN DCM IN ISLAMABAD WAS NOT INCLINED TO PUT MUCH STOCK IN THE GOP RATIONALE THAT IT HAD RELEASED THE HIJACKERS OF AN INDIAN AIRCRAFT FOR REASONS RELATED TO THE COMING ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN. INDICATIONS IN DELHI ARE THAT THE GOI DOES ACCEPT THIS RATIONALE. FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA TOLD THE CHARGE ON JANUARY 7 HE ASSUMED THE HIJACKERS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN ORDER TO CLEAR AWAY AN ISSUE IN WHICH BHUTTO MIGHT BE ATTACKED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WHEN ASKED IF THE RELEASE WOULD INTERFERE WITH PROGRESS MADE IN INDO-PAK RELATIONS, MEHTA COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND UPON WHAT THE GOP DID WITH THE HIJACKERS, THAT IS, WHETHER OR NOT PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO THEIR RELEASE AND ACTIVITIES AS A PART OF THE ELECT-
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ION CAMPAIGN.

2. WE CONCLUDE FROM THIS THAT AS FAR AS IMPACT ON INDO-PAK RELATIONS IS CONCERNED, THE INCIDENT HAS NOW PASSED BUT WILL ARISE AGAIN IF THE HIJACKERS SURFACE IN THE CAMPAIGN.
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